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| In re Application of: Chadwick et al. |) For: "Methods and Compositions |
| |) Relating to CD39-Like Polypeptides and |
| Serial No: R. 53(b) continuation of |) Nucleic Acids" |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In the claims:

Please cancel all claims 1-18, without prejudice, and add new claims 19-24 as follows:

19. An isolated CD39L4 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 or the mature protein portion thereof.

20. An isolated polypeptide having phosphohydrolase activity comprising an enzymatically active fragment of the amino sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

21. An isolated polypeptide having phosphohydrolase activity comprising an amino sequence that has at least about 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 6.